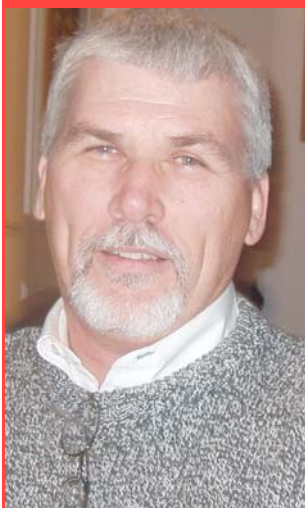


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A guest article
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OLE Sponsors First AUSA Orientation

On October 23-25, 2003, 175 Assistant United States Attorneys hired within the last 18 months met in Washington DC, for the first Department of Justice Orientation for AUSAs. Held at Washington's Renaissance Hotel, this two-day seminar provided the group to meet the Department leadership, hear the Administration's priorities, and get advice from experienced AUSAs.

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Acting Deputy Attorney General Robert McCallum addressed the seminar;

and, during a working luncheon, Solicitor General Theodore Olson discussed the role of the Solicitor General's office. US Attorneys Richard Byrne (SD/IL) and Michael Shelby (SD/TX) addressed law enforcement cooperation, and EOUSA Director Guy Lewis gave a rousing challenge to the group. The new AUSAs also received information about the history of the United States Attorneys' offices, the structure and mission of DOJ and EOUSA, and coordination with DOJ litigating divisions. The seminar culminated in a reception



held in the Great Hall where FBI Director Robert Mueller talked to the group about his memorable time as an AUSA. Many attendees stayed after the reception to tour the Main Justice Building. The next orientation is planned for March 4-5 in Washington DC.

Meet the NAC's Systems Manager, Ken Zint

How do those computers get fixed? Is it a mysterious ghost in the night that sweeps through the NAC and miraculously solves everyone's woes? Is it a higher power that can answer the prayers of the ones who scream and shout the loudest? Actually, the man behind the mystery is Ken Zint, who has been programming and working with computers for twenty-nine years.

Ken was born in Southern Indiana and moved to Chicago where he was married and worked in a department store. On a train to Washington DC

with his wife, Ken had a lead with the Department of Justice working with computers. He soon landed a job with the data center and worked there tirelessly for about fifteen years. In 1989, Ken became the Case Load and Collection Chief at EOUSA where he spent three months, until he became the Systems Manager for the PC Network.

The National Advocacy Center was built in 1998, and Ken was one of the first employees here. He is responsible for everything from the labs,

LAN, wide area network, servers, to every computer and printer on the network. (He also can fix just about any problem one might encounter). He is the man who keeps the NAC on the leading edge of technology.

So when you are frustrated with that blinking screen in front of you, have no fear, Ken Zint is here!

Messer Memorial

In Remembrance of Michael Messer, AUSA

The Office of Legal Education at the NAC has built a memorial garden in the courtyard off the dining room in memory of Michael C. Messer. Mr. Messer was a Special Assistant United States Attorney from the Social Security Administration working in the Northern District of Illinois. On a trip to the NAC in August of 2001, he was shot and killed during his return to the NAC from dinner in Five Points. His wife and three children survived Mr. Messer. He served meritoriously as a SUSA

and worked on Social Security fraud cases from the USAO in Chicago.

The garden is at the back of the courtyard in a quiet place and contains a beautiful cherry tree, two teak benches and a plaque commemorating Mr. Messer. Please be sure to visit the garden when you are at the NAC and remember all of the prosecutors who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



The NAC Lounge will have a South African Wine Tasting Event on Tuesday, March 23 at 5:30 PM. The cost is only \$5.00.

Please be sure to sign up with the lounge or the Concierge!

Wine Tasting in the NAC Lounge

Get ready for an extreme treat from halfway across the globe. On March 23, the NAC lounge will feature a South African Wine Tasting for only \$5.00

The first governor, Jan van Riebeeck, planted the first vineyard in the Cape of South Africa in 1655. February 2, 1659 marks the day of the first wine produced from Cape grapes, but they haven't slowed down since.

The Cape of South Africa has a Mediterranean climate with mountain slopes and valleys producing an ideal habitat for the grapes. The long sunny summers

and cool sea breezes in winter also contribute to the ideal viticultural conditions.

Although one may not immediately think of South Africa as a great producer of wine, the business employs over 300,000 people who produce 750 million liters annually. There are 310 private cellars and 67 cooperative cellars that account for eighty percent of South Africa's total wine harvest.

The Cape has also produced six local crossings of the imported vines, the most well known being Pinotage, a

full red variety. This is a cross between Pinot Noir and Hermitage (Cinsaut), and is a versatile and smooth red.

Of the eight regions in the Cape that produce these interesting and delicious wines, Worcester has the most vineyard plantings and produces the largest quantity.

The Cape Riesling is one of South Africa's best quality wines, but be sure to try the Chardonnay or the Pinot Noir and you will not be disappointed.



Pinotage Grapes



Carolina Cup

Steeped in tradition, the Carolina Cup Horseracing Event has been running since 1930. It is hailed as South Carolina's premier sporting/social event, drawing over 50,000 fans that come to experience the excitement. The event is held at the Springdale Race Course in Camden, South Carolina, which is situated just north of Columbia.

People do not come to Camden merely to watch horses run at 35 mph, but also to mingle, tailgate, and mimic the Kentucky Derby's tradition of showcasing the most extravagant hats. The

picnicking begins as early as 9:00am, as soon as the gates are opened, and continues on to the early evening hours.

There are six afternoon races complete with the pounding of the hooves on the dirt, the thrilling finishes, and the victory laps.

South Carolina has as many horses, per capita as Texas and hosts over 1500 equine events yearly. Along with the Colonial Cup, the Carolina Cup is one of the most prestigious and exciting.



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Take A Taste of South Carolina

The feature recipe this month is from Chef Lester, *Louisiana Shrimp and Sausage Over Rice*

1 lb Shrimp
1 lb Smoked Sausage
1 Small Onion—chopped
1 Small Green Onion—Chopped
1/2 Cup Celery
2 Med. Cloves Minced Garlic
2 Tbsp. Melted Butter
1 (16oz) Can Chopped Tomatoes

1 (8oz) Can Tomato Sauce
2 Tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
1/2 Tsp. Oregano
1/2 Tsp. Thyme
1/2 Tsp. Red Pepper
Hot Rice
Sauté onion, pepper, celery, and garlic in butter in a saucepan or Dutch oven until tender. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, oregano, thyme, and red pepper. Cook over medium heat stirring occasionally about 15 minutes or until desired

consistency. Stir in sausage and cook for 5 minutes. Add shrimp and simmer over medium heat for 10 minutes or until sausage and shrimp are done.

Serve over hot rice.

Yields: 6-8 Servings

Chef Lester Russell

Palmetto Trees and Moons

The History of the South Carolina State Flag

The crescent moon came first. General William Moultrie chose the symbol in 1775 at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, and the original flag had a deep blue background with a crescent moon.

Colonel Moultrie was defending a fort near Charleston and his men wore blue uniforms with

silver crescents on their blue caps.

In 1776, the British attacked Sullivan Island and the fort that stood there, which was made of soft palmetto logs. Instead of passing through the walls, the cannon balls sank into the soft logs and were stopped.



The British did not take the fort and the picture of the palmetto tree was added to honor the victory at this fort, later named after the brave colonel, Fort Moultrie.

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The Wonderful World of Golf

Written By Stewart Walz



When I first heard that the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute was to be relocated in Columbia, South Carolina from our nation's capital, several four-letter words came to mind. Golf was not one these; was I ever stupid!

While Columbia may not be the center of golf in the southeast, it's located in the center of some of the finest golf in the region. For the NAC visitor who wants to visit the region before or after class, four outstanding golf destinations are near. Pinehurst, Myrtle Beach, Charleston, and Hilton Head all lie within a two and one-half hour drive. All are different from one another, but all are worth visiting. I have visited all four areas, Myrtle Beach once and the others twice. In this column, I want to write about the Pinehurst area, where one goes to exist on golf for a time.

The Pinehurst area is saturated with golf courses and resorts. The two I have experienced are as good as golf in the United States gets. Pinehurst Resort is certainly among the greatest golf resorts in this country, or any other for that matter.

It has been said that the only other town that lives for golf in the way of Pinehurst, is St. Andrews, Scotland. Visit Pinehurst and you might agree. Pinehurst Resort has eight courses, highlighted of course by Number Two, one of the top ten rated courses in America. I think it is the best course I have played in the United States and it is worth the trip north from Columbia to play.

As most know by now, Pinehurst Number Two is the masterpiece of the great course architect, Donald Ross. To play it requires a surcharge of approximately \$125.00, and if you want to walk (and you do), the services of a caddy. The course is so much fun that it is worth the added expense. Each hole is different, memorable, and presents its own challenge. The famous inverted saucer greens are a trip; not many other places does a misread putt end up in a bunker! The course is great; you can shoot a million and enjoy it still. (I did.)

On our trip there, we also played Number Eight and Number Five. The latter is good, but ordinary golf, not significantly different or better than many courses around Columbia, which hopefully will be described in a later article. Number Eight is a different story. Designed by Tom Fazio to celebrate the resort's centennial, it is a wonderful track. The terrain is varied, and all of the holes memorable. About three years after playing the course, I still remember each one. The panorama on the eleventh hole is intriguing and leads to the interesting corner of the course. The resort levies a surcharge to play eight, but it is worth it.

Golf packages at Pinehurst include lodging in the Carolina Hotel or other lodging. The Carolina is old, stately and lots of fun. The breakfast buffet is all you could want and then some. The food is outstanding and plentiful. Breakfast will definitely stay with you until the excellent dinner.

A few miles from Pinehurst Resort are the twin resorts of Pine Needles and Mid Pines. Stay at either and you can dine at either and play either course. Again, the golf is outstanding.

Both courses are Ross designs, but each is different from the other. Pine Needles, which has hosted and will again host the U.S. Women's Open is a top ranked course worthy of a national championship venue. It is not long, nor nearly as difficult as Pinehurst Number Two (the site for the 2005 US Open for men) but still a course that requires good play. One disadvantage is that Pine Needles is not a course that can comfortably be walked, at least by someone my age. The same is not true of its neighbor across the street, Mid Pines.

Mid Pines is shorter than Pine Needles. It has the feel of an old turn of the century course, a feeling reinforced by the stately hotel overlooking the putting green and the eighteenth hole. It certainly seems to have been designed long before Pine Needles, which gives it its own charm. Mid Pines recently hosted the Women's Senior Amateur, which seems fitting. It is a course that requires good, solid play, not power.

I am told there are other good golf courses in the Pinehurst area. Maybe a two-week sojourn would prove that, which sounds like an idea. But if you have a weekend only, Pinehurst or Pine Needles and Mid Pines make a short trip well worth it.